

**GATHERING OF THE
CHURCHES OF BEAVER-
BUTLER PRESBYTERY
&
ELDER COMMISSIONER TRAINING
PRE-MEETING 5:30 PM**

Tuesday, July 30, 2024
Beginning at 6:00 PM

In-Person at:
Clinton Presbyterian Church
197 Glade Mill Road, Saxonburg, PA 160565
Rev. Kelley Angleberger, Pastor

5:30 PM Registration

View the Livestream (**noninteractive**) Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88373825667>
Meeting ID: 883 7382 5667

Please connect to the meeting between
5:30 and 5:45 PM

Registration for the meeting is requested for In-Person and Zoom via Email
(office@beaverbutler.org) or Telephone (724-452-7515)

*All new business and requests for items to be removed from the Consent Agenda must be to
the Stated Clerk's Desk 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.*

If Childcare is Needed, Please Contact the Clinton Church Directly: 724-352-3855.

DIRECTIONS to the CLINTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SAXONBURG, PA
197 Glade Mill Road, Saxonburg, 16056

From Cranberry Township:

Take PA-228E until it meets PA-8. Turn left on PA-8N/PA-228E. Turn Right onto PA-228E/Glade Mill Road. 3.2 miles off PA-8N on PA-228E/Glade Mill Road, just passed the intersection of Sandy Hill Road and Spring Valley Road, turn right into Clinton Church parking lot.

From Zelienople:

Depart US-19/PA-68/North Main Street toward PA-68/East Grandview Avenue. Keep Right to stay on PA 68/Evans City Road. Turn Right onto Brownsdale Road. Turn Right onto PA-8/Pittsburgh Road. Turn Left onto PA-228E/Glade Mill Road. 3.2 miles off PA-8N on PA-228/Glade Mill Road, just passed the intersection of Sandy Hill Road and Spring Valley Road, turn right into Clinton Church parking lot.

From Butler:

From PA-356/PA-8/South Main toward PA-68 East/East Cunningham. Keep straight onto PA-8/South Main. Keep Left to stay onto PA-8. Turn Left onto PA-228E/Glade Mill Road. 3.2 miles off PA-8N on PA-228/Glade Mill Road, just passed the intersection of Sandy Hill Road and Spring Valley Road, turn right into Clinton Church parking lot.

From Slippery Rock:

Depart PA-173/South Main Street/Kraus Hall toward Morrow Way. Bear Right onto PA-8/William Flynn Highway. Turn Right onto South Benbrook Road. Note road name changes to Meridian Road. Turn Left onto McCalmont Road. Turn Right onto PA-8/Pittsburgh Road. Turn Left onto PA-228E/Glade Mill Road. 3.2 miles off PA-8N on PA-228/Glade Mill Road, just passed the intersection of Sandy Hill and Spring Valley Road turn right into Clinton Church parking lot.

Elder in Charge of Arrangements - Tom Hamilton/Paula Vaughan

Registration - Located in the Berean classroom of the church

Prayer Room - Located in the Pastor's Study of the church (will be marked)

History of Clinton Presbyterian Church



A group of God-fearing men and women held a meeting in 1845 to discuss the possibility of organizing a church. Rev. Isaiah Niblock and two elders met to organize the Union Associate Reformed Church. The rugged pioneer way was reflected in Rev. Niblock traveling to church on horseback once a month from Butler sometimes with his wife and children in tow. The name was later changed to the Clinton United Presbyterian Church in 1861 probably taken from the township

name. The log church was replaced by a frame structure. Many individuals still recall digging the basement with shovels, wheel barrows and horse teams hauling the dirt away to add a social room in 1938. The church was remodeled and rededicated in 1960 to its present structure.

Clinton Church has always been known as a Mission based singing church. Local and International Mission and Outreach projects have included Mission Aviation and various missionaries over the years. Today's mission projects include Food Bank, Operation Christmas Child and Heifer International. Several members have done mission work in Brazil, Slidell Louisiana and Covington Virginia as we continue to pursue the great Commission. Events are held throughout the month to provide fellowship for all age groups including Youth outings, monthly luncheons and events after worship. Although we are a small congregation, we accomplish a lot through our dedication in service.

We are blessed to have Rev. Kelley Angleberger as our pastor since 2016. She attended Princeton Theological Seminary and provides leadership and enlightening messages each Sunday. Pastor Kelley and her husband, Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon and five children, Austin, Clare, Abigail, Shepherd and William, all reside in Cranberry Township. We always enjoy seeing the entire family join us for events. Many changes have occurred over the last 179 years, but the unchanging truth of God's Work remains constant.

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

Registration 5:30 pm

Meeting Begins at 6:00 pm

(In-Person)

Clinton Presbyterian Church

197 Glade Mill Road

Saxonburg, PA 16056

Rev. Kelley Angleberger, Covenant Pastor

(VIA Zoom: See Email for Link)

Ruling Elder Training – PRE-MEETING 5:30 pm

Registration - Located in the Berean classroom of the church

Prayer Room - Located in the Pastor’s Study of the church (will be marked)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRESBYTERY GREETING

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH/LOCAL CHURCH MISSION: Tom Hamilton & Paula Vaughan

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

“Here In This Place”

THE WORD READ

Luke 10:1-11

THE WORD SPOKEN

“Lose the Baggage”

Rev. Kelley Angleberger

ANTHEM

“Find Me Lord”

Clinton Church Choir

THE GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

STATED CLERK REPORT

Rev. Randall Clow

COORDINATING TEAM

Elder Andrew Why

A. Consent Agenda:

The Coordinating Team recommends that the Presbytery:

1. To form the Roll
2. Seat Corresponding Members and grant them voice
3. Approval of the Docket
4. Receive CT Minutes of May 1, 2024 **Pg. 6-7**
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, May & June 2024 **Pg. 8**
6. Receive Treasurer’s P&L and Balance Sheet, May 31, 2024 **Pg. 9-10**
7. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2024 **Pg. 11-17**
8. Approve the dissolution of the call between Rev. Melissa Morris and the Vanport congregation and grant her member-at-large status.

B. Floor Action:

1. **At the East Unity Presbyterian Church congregation's request, Beaver-Butler Presbytery will appoint an Administrative Commission to assume original jurisdiction over the East Unity Church Session to complete the congregation's ministry and dissolve the congregation as of July 11, 2024. The AC will have five members and a quorum of three appointed by the Presbytery's Moderator following G-3.0109 in the *Book of Order*. The Presbytery gives the East Unity AC and the Coordinating Team the responsibility to act on its behalf in negotiations and property transfers. The Presbytery empowers the Executive Presbyter and Treasurer to work as its agents on behalf of the East Unity AC and Coordinating Team.**

HONORING THE MINISTRY OF EAST UNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHERRY VALLEY

Elder Martha Altmire

CULTURES OF STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Dr. Ellie Johns-Kelly, Presbyterian Foundation

FELLOWSHIP BREAK

MISSION AND COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

- A. PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Cathy Chang and Juan Carrasco-Lopez **Pg. 18-19**
- B. Book Club Opportunity: Rev. C.F. Hoffman
 "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson
- C. September International Peacemaker Visit: Dumitru Roibu (from Moldova)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS Rev. David Paul, Kerry Dowdy, Kemp Clow
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COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP & YOUTH MINISTRY UNIT

Rev. Brian Hauser

- A. Pastor Picnic – Old Union, Mars Aug. 21st 12:00 – 2:00 **Pg. 14, 27-28**

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH

Rev. John Silbert

- A. Wee-Kirk Grants **Pg. 26**

MINISTRY AND VOCATION COMMITTEE

Rev. Dr. Tom Harmon

- A. Board of Pension Changes
- B. Recognition of the Retirement of Rev. Robert Goossen

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

OFFERING RECEIVED

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH

SENDING HYMN

"Jesus Be With Us"

Items for information from the Ministry & Vocation Committee

- Approved the resignation, with regret, of Rev. Monica Hamilton from North and East Butler churches due to health issues.
- Appointed Rev. Lee Dreyer as moderator for North & East Butler churches starting in July.
- Appointed Rev. Todd Allen as moderator for Vanport church starting in July.
- Removed Rev. Stephen Cramer from Pulpit Supply list.
- CP Kathleen Davis is working on a date for Boundary Training II in September. Tentatively September 12.

BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

2024 Presbytery Meetings

The Office Will Close Early On These Dates

Tuesday, September 24	4:00 p.m.	The Galilean & First, Darlington Held at Community Center (Dinner)
Tuesday, November 19	6:00 p.m.	New Sewickley, Rochester

COORDINATING TEAM
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
May 1, 2024

The Coordinating Team (CT) held a stated meeting at the Presbytery Center on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Present: Andrew Why (Coordinating Team Chair), Dennis Krebs (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Doug Dorsey, Lee Dreyer, Allen Kitchen, Merry Meloy, Beth Wierman

Ex-Officio: Jim Steiner (Assistant Stated Clerk), Lauren Cesnales (Presbytery Treasurer)

Excused: Jamie Fowler (Presbytery Moderator), Tom Harmon (Executive Presbyter), Randall Clow (Stated Clerk), John Laudenslager

Guests: ChrisAnn Goossen (Communications Assistant), Gregg Hartung – Presbytery Logo Task Force

Absent: Bill Mumaw

The Assistant Stated Clerk attested to the presence of a quorum, and the meeting was called to order by the CT Chair, Andrew Why at 6:34 P.M. Andrew opened the meeting by leading a discussion (in the absence of a devotion) by asking the CT members if they went to church, what was the sermon? Several (sometimes humorous!) recollections were shared.

Andrew opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda Approvals and Receipt of Reports:

1. Approve Coordinating Team Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024
2. Receive the Minutes of Beaver-Butler Presbytery of March 19, 2024
3. Receive the Stated Clerk's Report
4. Receive the Executive Presbyter's Written Report
5. Receive the Treasurer's Report (P&L and Balance Sheet)

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented – PASSED

(Assistant) Stated Clerk's Report:

Jim Steiner

Assistant Stated Clerk Jim Steiner noted as many as thirty-seven churches have either had their minutes reviewed, or will do so in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

Lauren Cesnales

New Logo Task Force:

Chris Ann Goossen & Gregg Hartung

ChrisAnn reviewed the work that had been done by the Task Force in updating the logo. The Task Force has been meeting since September 2023, and considered more than a dozen ideas. After unveiling the design, the CT reaction was positive.

(Note: The CT will approve the new design and present it to the Presbytery at the May meeting.)

Motion: To approve the new logo – PASSED

Presbytery Meeting Agenda Requests:

- Ruling Elder Pre-Presbytery Info Session – will be held
- CT: Logo Presentation to Presbytery – 5 minutes
- CFY: Highlight CFY’s collaborative ministry and grant – 25 minutes
- MCM: Local Church Mission Update – 5 minutes
- MVC: Announcing Boundary Training and Clearances – 5 minutes
- Display Space: Camping Association of Western PA

Motion: To approve the Docket Time requests – PASSED

Old Business: *None*

New Business:

- Letter from Rev. Rob Swinsburg:
 - The CT discussed Rob’s concerns about the length of various parts of the March meeting. Stronger enforcement of time will be followed in future meetings.
- Frankfort Sale of Manse:
 - There is some uncertainty about the sale status of the manse. There was additional discussion about clarity on the part of the Presbytery regarding property sales. CT will ask Stated Clerk Randall Clow to contact the Frankfort Session for more information, and to obtain a sales agreement.

Motion to adjourn – PASSED

Next meeting – June 5, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

Adjournment with Prayer 7:51 P.M.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. James R. Steiner
Assistant Stated Clerk

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE 2024

May 13, 2024

Attended Presbytery meeting planning meeting at The Presbytery Center.

Met with Tom regarding Presbytery manual revisions.

May 15, 2024

Attended a meeting at the Presbytery Center regarding upcoming GA and Board of Pensions.

May 19, 2024

Attended a meeting between MVC and a local church.

May 28, 2024

Attended Presbytery meeting at Concord, Baden.

June 3, 2024

Attended MVC meeting.

June 17, 2024

Received Per Capita Letter for Beaver-Butler Presbytery from the Synod of the Trinity. Filed. Synod per capita will remain at \$2.40 per active church member in 2025.

June 26, 2024

Attended CT meeting.

In Service to Christ,

Rev. Randall K. Clow

Stated Clerk

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Profit & Loss by Class January through May 2024

	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
51102 · Per Capita Apportionment	101,269.74	0.00	101,269.74
52105 · Rev.Mission Causes-Budget	0.00	36,726.35	36,726.35
53112 · Tinker Trust - PNC Bank	55.76	0.00	55.76
53114 · Northwest Interest	17.05	0.00	17.05
53999 · Investment Income Other	38,700.23	0.00	38,700.23
56110 · Rent Complete Travel	5,250.00	0.00	5,250.00
56115 · Rent - Tenants	4,130.00	0.00	4,130.00
57105 · Miscellaneous Income	4,716.77	0.00	4,716.77
57106 · Bulk Order Receipts	65.65	0.00	65.65
Total Income	<u>154,205.20</u>	<u>36,726.35</u>	<u>190,931.55</u>
Expense			
71105 · Per Capita Expense GA	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
71110 · Per Capita Expense Synod	4,786.57	0.00	4,786.57
72105 · Mission Causes Exp- Synod/GA	0.00	25,196.15	25,196.15
72110 · Mission Causes Exp- Other	0.00	2,925.00	2,925.00
73000 · Salary/Wage/Benefits	76,795.41	0.00	76,795.41
74000 · Units/Officers	717.30	2,505.00	3,222.30
75100 · Cost of Space	1,985.08	0.00	1,985.08
75200 · Communications	3,286.24	0.00	3,286.24
75300 · Furniture and Equipment	1,880.65	0.00	1,880.65
75400 · Office Expense	3,426.60	0.00	3,426.60
75500 · Training and Professional	1,425.00	0.00	1,425.00
75600 · Travel Expense	1,296.73	0.00	1,296.73
75700 · Conferences/Meetings	1,515.16	0.00	1,515.16
Total Expense	<u>114,114.74</u>	<u>30,626.15</u>	<u>144,740.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>40,090.46</u>	<u>6,100.20</u>	<u>46,190.66</u>
Net Income	<u><u>40,090.46</u></u>	<u><u>6,100.20</u></u>	<u><u>46,190.66</u></u>

Beaver-Butler Presbytery Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2024

May 31, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · Cash

10107 · WesBanco	131,332.64
10108 · Northwest Savings Bank	105,844.92
10109 · Northwest Savings Market Fund	50,000.98
10115 · Petty Cash	153.40

Total 10000 · Cash 287,331.94

10300 · Investments

10511 · Presbyterian Investment & Loan	308,334.99
10513 · Charles Schwab & Co.	536,663.86
10520 · Ecumenical Cooperative	1,500.00

Total 10300 · Investments 846,498.85

Total Checking/Savings 1,133,830.79

Total Current Assets 1,133,830.79

TOTAL ASSETS 1,133,830.79

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Long Term Liabilities

28001 · Deferred Mortgage Income 30,000.00

Total Long Term Liabilities 30,000.00

Total Liabilities 30,000.00

Equity

29000 · Restricted Funds

29100 · Temporarily Restricted

29105 · Peacemaking Fund	3,377.57
29125 · New Church Development Fund	
29126 · Closed Churches Fund (Fund A)	431,708.35
29127 · Departed Churches Fund (Fund B)	685,374.58

Total 29125 · New Church Development Fund 1,117,082.93

29140 · Support of Candidates Fund 876.70

29145 · Leadership Training Fund 20,000.00

29160 · NWV Seed Grant 7,467.05

29165 · Champ Education Fund 6,632.20

Total 29100 · Temporarily Restricted 1,155,436.45

29200 · Permanently Restricted

29205 · Endowment Fund 2,575.09

29210 · Lyndora Scholarship Fund 20,003.58

Total 29200 · Permanently Restricted 22,578.67

Total 29000 · Restricted Funds 1,178,015.12

39000 · Retained Earnings -141,246.58

Net Income 67,062.25

Total Equity 1,103,830.79

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 1,133,830.79

A GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES OF BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
May 28, 2024, 6:00 PM

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery held a stated meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The meeting was held at Concord Presbyterian Church, Baden, where Rev. Jamie L. Fowler serves as Pastor. The meeting was moderated by Presbytery Moderator Rev. Jamie Fowler and Vice-Moderator Elder Dennis Krebs.

Before the meeting, training was held for new Elder Commissioners (or anyone else wanting a refresher). Future meetings will have similar training sessions.

Moderator Fowler called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM and affirmed the presence of a quorum with Stated Clerk Rev. Randall Clow.

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH:

Elder Jeff Fowler from Concord welcomed the Presbyters and gave details of the facility, including fellowship location. Jeff also presented a brief history of the congregation and surrounding community, especially various Native American peoples.

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS:

First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners were introduced.

OPENING PRAYER:

Moderator Fowler opened the meeting with prayer

GATHERING HYMN: "Here in This Place"

THE WORD READ: Acts 1:1-11 Elder Betty Kmiecik

THE WORD SPOKEN: Rev. Jamie L. Fowler

Referring to the well-known opening account in Acts, Jamie asked the question, "If we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, why do we sometimes stand around asking why the church ain't what it used to be?" Why do we suffer from fear and anxiety?

We are "Easter People," called to share the love of Christ. In the passage, we are reminded of Jesus' forty days of teaching and leading, done so before he was taken up. And now, the time had come for him to ascend to the Father.

Jesus promised the power of the Holy Spirit – essentially, "we are done, but not yet..." We want Jesus to restore the Kingdom, but not yet. But Jesus reminds them, and us, that the timing is the Father's, not us. We are to wait on the Spirit, and he will come, and we will receive the power.

We are not to "stand around" waiting for Jesus to return – our work is to restore the Kingdom until he returns.

ANTHEM "Fly Away Home" Concord Choir

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS:

Commissioners offered items of good news that were happening in the churches.

STATED CLERK REPORT:

Rev. Randall Clow

Randall referred the Presbyters to the written report, and explained the process by which a Presbyter may remove items from the Consent Agenda. He thanked the Clerks of Session for participating in the Records Reviews. Before concluding his report, Rev. Clow asked that our Presbytery be in prayer over the 226th General Assembly when it meets in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 25 – July 4. The Reverend Jihyun Oh is the nominee to serve as the Stated Clerk of our denomination.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT:

Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Harmon

Using a memory of a marching band travelling on a bus to Florida, Tom illustrated how disparate groups can come together, regardless of circumstances. He noted the power of a *yellow towel* at a pro football game can bring thousands of people to their feet! In both cases traditions were and are formed, and a community can develop an identity.

As Christians, we are drawn together to build faith communities. Ministry is not a solitary endeavor but one deeply rooted in a sense of togetherness. We are *more* because we come alongside each other, a living expression of God's love, uniting all things and all people, bringing us closer to God and each other. Since the church's beginning, Christians have understood that we are better together.

COORDINATING TEAM:

Elder Andrew Why

The Coordinating Team (CT) recommended that the Presbytery:

1. Form the Roll,
2. Approve the Docket,
3. Receive Coordinating Team Minutes of March 6, 2024,
4. Approve Presbytery Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024,
5. Receive Stated Clerk Report, March-April 2024, and
6. Receive the Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss, March-April 2024

Seeing no questions or objections, the Moderator declared the Consent Agenda approved as presented.

COLLABORATION, FELLOWSHIP, & YOUTH:

Rev. Brian Hauser

Brian introduced the Beaver-Butler Presbytery version of the "Chopped Game". The Presbytery was divided into groups, and each group was given a binder with resources unique to that group. The groups were challenged to examine their assigned resources to nurture collaboration in the development of mission programs. The results were shared and hilarity ensued.

BREAK FOR FELLOWSHIP

VICE-MODERATOR ELDER DENNIS KREBS NOW MODERATING...

Vice-Moderator Krebs called the Presbyters back to order at 7:55 P.M.

ENCOURAGING CHURCHES TO FLOURISH (ECF):

Rev. John C.R. Silbert

John shared a report of the joint retreat with Shenango. The retreat went well! ECF has reviewed the feedback from the last Presbytery Leadership Training Event and in response, would like to begin offering regular “Zoom” training opportunities.

Rev. Silbert shared information about the Wee Kirk Conference and encouraged Presbyters to attend using the ½ price scholarships being offered by ECF.

LOGO PRESENTATION:

Communications Ass’t ChrisAnn Goossen

ChrisAnn presented the new Beaver-Butler Presbytery logo on behalf of the team that developed the logo for the Coordinating Team. She recognized members of the team and described the process they followed. Presbyters applauded the grand reveal of our Presbytery’s new logo.

MISSION & COMPASSION MINISTRY UNIT:

Rev. Dr. Judy Angleberger

Dr. Angleberger invited Rev. Fowler, as pastor of the host church, to share some of their mission activities. Rev. Fowler shared the congregation’s heart for mission and encouraged other congregations to do the same.

Dr. Angleberger also invited Mission & Compassion Unit member Joyce Hamilton to share news of the September visit of an International Peacemaker from Moldova. Rev. Todd Allen was also invited to share how Mission & Compassion can serve as a resource for churches that would like to engage in shared mission.

MINISTRY & VOCATION COMMITTEE:

Elder Denise Hobaugh

Denise reminded everyone about the Mediation Skills Training in June. Also, tomorrow (May 29) is the Level #1 Boundary Training; Level #2 Boundary Training will be in September at Calvin Church. Denise reminded everyone to get their background clearances turned in!

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO OUR HOST CHURCH:

The Presbyters thanked the Concord Church for their hosting.

OFFERING:

The Beaver-Butler Presbytery Mission Budget

HYMN:

“Jesus Be With Us”

PRAYER:

Vice-Moderator Krebs closed the meeting with prayer at 8:25 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 PM, Clinton Church, Saxonburg

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James R. Steiner, Assistant Stated Clerk

Randall K. Clow, Stated Clerk

For Information, from Ministry & Vocation Committee:

- Permission was granted for Valencia church to form a PNC
- Rev. Dr. Emily K. Chudy, Synod Consultant, Board of Pensions, will join the June 3rd MVC meeting to discuss BOP changes.

TABLE OF ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2024 PRESBYTERY MEETING:

- A. Record of Participation, Presbytery Meeting, May 28, 2024
- B. Coordinating Team Minutes, March 6, 2024
- C. Presbytery Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024
- D. Report of the Stated Clerk, March-April 2024
- E. Report of the Treasurer: Balance Sheet & Profit & Loss, March 2024

**BEAVER-BUTLERPRESBYTERY
Future 2024 Presbytery Meetings
Office Will Close Early on These Dates**

Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 p.m. Clinton, Saxonburg
Tuesday, September 24, 4:00 p.m. (Dinner) First, Darlington/The
Galilean, New Galilee (at The New Galilee Community Center)
Tuesday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. New Sewickley, Rochester

**ATTENDANCE
MINISTERS**

Allen, Todd		P
Allio, Mark		P
Angleberger, A. Gary	H.R.	EXC
Angleberger, Judy A.	H.R.	P
Angleberger, Kelley		P
*Barr, Eva-Maria		A
Benish, Leigh		P
Benson, James		A
Bittner, Lee	H.R.	EXC
Black, Keith		A
Bosserman, Lauren		P
Brewer, David R.	H.R.	EXC
Burkley, Michael	H.R.	EXC
Byers, David D.	H.R.	EXC
Campbell, James W.	H.R.	EXC
*Casey, Tim		A
*Cline, Charles		P
Clow, Randall		P
Clyde, Tom	H.R.	EXC
Cramer, Stephen	H.R.	EXC
Currie, Susan	H.R.	EXC
Curtis, Jeffrey A.	H.R.	P
Davis, Mark	H.R.	EXC
de Vries, Peter C.		P
Dorsey, Douglas		EXC
Dreyer, W. Lee	H.R.	EXC
Dunn, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Edmundson, Robert	H.R.	EXC
Erwin, Kirk	H.R.	EXC
Fowler, Jamie		P
*Frailey, Mark		A
Frierson, Connie	H.R.	EXC
Gear, Jim		P
Gebhard, Doug		A
Goossen, Robert		P
Hamilton, Monica	H.R.	EXC
Harmon, Tom		P
*Hartung, Gregg		P
Hauser, Brian		P
Heller, F. Edwin	H.R.	EXC
Hoffman, C. F.	H.R.	P
Horstman, Katherine A. L.	H.R.	EXC
Huffmyer, Deborah E.	H.R.	EXC
Jackson, Bill	H.R.	EXC
Jamieson, William A.	H.R.	EXC
Kahnt, Rebecca		A
Kennedy, Robert W.	H.R.	EXC
Kennedy, Vicki	H.R.	EXC
Kitchen, Mary	H.R.	EXC
Klein, Richard	H.R.	EXC
Maley, Lawrence	H.R.	EXC
*Marquis, Jeff		P
Mathias, Robert V.	H.R.	EXC

ATTACHMENT A

*McMeekin, Thomas		A
Meloy, Merry		A
Molnar, Dennis	H.R.	EXC
Morris, Melissa		A
Mumaw, William		A
Oyler, David	H.R.	P
Paul, A. David		A
Porter, John W.		P
Rowe, Richard F.	H.R.	EXC
Roy, Dena		P
Salyers, James		A
Saul, Robert P.		A
Sawyer, Clark T.	H.R.	EXC
*Schaefer, Paul		A
Severance, T. Neil	H.R.	EXC
Shaffer, Andrew C.		A
Shullo, Carmen		A
Silbert, John		P
Sinagra, Jason		A
Smith, Jean	H.R.	EXC
Smothers, Andrew		P
Snyder, Donald F.	H.R.	EXC
Steiner, Jim	H.R.	EXC
Stoops, Leland (Terry) R.	H.R.	EXC
Swanson, James	H.R.	P
Swinsburg, Rob Dale		P
Taylor, Bonnie	H.R.	EXC
Tuft, John T.		A
Weston, Gary L.	H.R.	EXC
Wiebe, John M.	H.R.	EXC
Wierman, Beth		A
Winship, Michael	H.R.	EXC

ELDERS

Aliquippa		
New Bethlehem	Kim Williy	
(2 votes)	May K-Cary	
Ohio	Joseph Glatz	
(2 votes)	Wendi Rybicki	
Raccoon		
Service		
Ambridge		
Ambridge U.P.		
Baden		
Concord	Robert Reich	
Beaver		
Park	Timothy Heist	
(2 votes)		
Beaver Falls		
First	David Ross	
Steffin Hill		
Covenant		
Faith		

Butler		New Galilee	
Hill	Anne Miller	The Galilean	Paul Morrison
(2 votes)	Louise Evans	N. Washington	
Mt Chestnut		N. Washington	
(2 votes)		Parker	
Saint Andrews		First	
Trinity		Prospect	
Callery		Mt Nebo	Randy Bieber
Crestview		P. Church Prospect	
Cherry Valley		Rochester	
E. Unity		First Presb.	
Chicora		New Sewickley	Jennifer Brown
North Butler		Sarver	
Clintonville		Buffalo	Bill Rudert
Union		Westminster	Cheryl Frank
Connoquenessing		Saxonburg	
White Oak Springs		Clinton	Thomas Hamilton
Conway		Jefferson Center	
Conway		Saxonburg Memorial	
Cranberry		(2 votes)	
Cranberry Community		Shippingport	
(2 votes)		Bethlehem	
Plains		Slippery Rock	
Darlington		Center	
First		Friendship	Michelle Whitehouse
Mt. Pleasant		Highland	
East Butler		Valencia	
East Butler		Glade Run	
Eau Claire		(2 votes)	
Eau Claire		Valencia	Karen Peterman
Ellwood City		Vanport	
North Sewickley		Vanport	
(2 votes)		(2 votes)	
Evans City		West Sunbury	
Westminster	Ruthie Pickett	West Sunbury	
(2 votes)	Kathy Morgan	Zelienople	
Frankfort Springs		Calvin	
Frankfort	Lori Littell	(2 votes)	
Harmony		Park	Larry Meeder
Camp Run			
Hooker			
Concord	Denise Hobaugh		
Mars			
Mars United			
Old Union			
(2 votes)			
Midland			
First			
New Salem			
Monaca			
First			
North Branch			
New Brighton			
First			
Westminster			

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
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ELDER MEMBERS WHO ARE: OFFICER, COORDINATING TEAM, OR UNIT CHAIR

Name	Presbytery/Affiliation
Andrew Why	CT Chair
Dennis Krebs	Vice-Moderator
Allen Kitchen	CT Chair

VISITORS

Name	Church
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Rose Marie Reich	Concord, Baden
Patty Jones	Concord, Baden
Cindy Cross	Friendship, Slippery Rock
Keith Jones	Concord, Baden
Jeff Cross	Friendship, Slippery Rock
Barbara Frick	Concord, Baden
Annamary McMullen	Valencia, Valencia
Jack McMicheal	Park, Zelianople
Ginny Kardasz	Concord, Baden
Diana Streets-Peters	Mt. Nebo, Prospect
Chris Kmiecik	Concord, Baden
Betty Kmiecik	Concord, Baden
Chris Kardasz	Concord, Baden
Paula Vaughan	Clinton, Saxonburg
Richard Gallagher	Concord, Baden
Joyce Hamilton	Clinton, Saxonburg
Madeline Meanor	Cranberry
Debbie Sheffield	Rochester
Diana Spencer	Beaver-Butler
Mark Little	Frankfort, Frankfort Sprg.
Kerry Dowdy	East Butler, Chicora
Tom Marlowe	White Oak Spr, Con.
Jill McDonald	Old Union, Mars
Keith Black	H. Retired
Carolyn Paulsen	Buffalo, Sarver
Marissa Loutlet	Glade Run, Valencia
Tom McMeekin	C. P.
724-290-0770	

Mission Co-Workers Visit



**Cathy Chang and Juan Carrasco-Lopez
with daughter Aurélie**

Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, Mission Co-workers in the Philippines, will be visiting Covenant Church and you are invited to a dinner and video presentation.

From their home base in Manila, Cathy and Juan help global partners address issues of migration and human trafficking. The UN's International Labor Organization estimates 21 million people are victims of coerced labor and/or forced sexual exploitation. While human trafficking is a worldwide problem, countries in Asia are increasingly vulnerable.

The Chang-Lopez's work with Asian churches and non-governmental organizations to help coordinate efforts related to the scourge of modern-day slavery. They also resource various programs of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and U.S. congregations concerned about the issue.

Dinner and Presentation

Wednesday, July 31, 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall, Trinity Church
107 Staley Avenue, Butler

Please RSVP to Ann Morrison at annfmorrison@gmail.com or 724-487-4900.

International Peacemaker from Moldova to Visit in September



Dumitru Roibu is Executive President of YMCA Moldova. His history of YMCA community service includes roles such as World YMCA Youth Empowerment assistant and YMCA Change Agent (a global leadership program), and participation in YES (Youth Engagement in Sports) and TTT (Training The Trainers) seminars. Since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Dumitru Roibu has been involved in supporting Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war. To date, helping more than 14,000 refugees, YMCA Moldova has created more than 320 Digital Educational Centers.

In 2013, Dumitru founded a rural youth NGO which supported cultural youth events, such as teaching folk dances. His NGO empowered more than 150 young people from the area to take part in Erasmus+, a European Union program for education, training, youth, and sport. For his exceptional civic service, Dumitru was awarded the Civic Merit Medal in 2018 by the President of the Republic of Moldova.

Dumitru studied International Relations, has a master's degree in Diplomatic Studies and is currently working on his PhD in Good Governance.



Racial Reconciliation Book Club

Just Mercy By Bryan Stevenson

Two Wednesdays a Month at 7:00 PM on Zoom

- September 11 Introduction: Higher Ground, Chapter 1: Mockingbird Players, Chapter 2: Stand
- September 25 Chapter 3: Trials and Tribulation, Chapter 4: The Old Rugged Cross,
Chapter 5: Of the Coming of John
- October 9 Chapter 6: Surely Doomed, Chapter 7: Justice Denied,
Chapter 8: All God's Children
- October 23 Chapter 9: I'm Here, Chapter 10: Mitigation, Chapter 11: I'll Fly Away
- November 13 Chapter 12: Mother, Mother, Chapter 13: Recovery,
Chapter 14: Cruel and Unusual
- November 27 Chapter 15: Broken, Chapter 16: The Stonecatcher's Song of Sorrow
Epilogue and Postscript

Randall Kemp Clow II

7-15-2024

My Time at GA

My time at General Assembly 226 was a fun, fruitful experience to take part in the life of the church. Before I begin, I'd like to thank my family, friends, and all members of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for their endless support and prayers throughout the entire process.

General Assembly 226 (GA) held many important decisions to be made in the life of the church, most notably was the decisions concerning POL-01. POL-01 was a two-part motion, the first part of the overture added "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" to a list of named groups to emphasize a commitment to diversity regarding participation and representation.

The second part of the overture states that the statement about participation and representation must be considered when discerning ordaining someone to an office of the church. That candidate is not entirely bound to the Book of Order but can share their personal belief and still be ordained with the Council's approval. The effect is essentially the same, with a new written emphasis on conversations about participation and representation to change the book of order in a way that included all members of the LGBTQ+ community. After much deliberation, the General Assembly came to a compromise between the LGBTQ+ community and the PCUSA. Members of the LGBTQ+ community were included in the fold of the PCUSA, however, pastors being considered were allowed to maintain their personal beliefs as POL-01 was amended in order to preserve both sides of the compromise.

Much time was also spent debating order of business ENV-02 which concerned the possible divestment of funds from fossil fuels, oil, and gas companies. Arguments were made that pulling funds would state the church's stance against pollution while other arguments were

made that maintaining the funds would keep the PCUSA in negotiations with their affiliated companies to pressure them to change. The motion would change hands between passing and failing before finally settling to maintain the church's investments in ENV-02.

While much time was spent in sincere, prayerful consideration and debate, GA wasn't afraid of a little fun! Bathroom breaks became impromptu dance breaks as the electric slide and cupid shuffle would play in the assembly hall! Humor was also infused as the moderators weren't afraid to joke in-between order of business and the technology workers would add their own touches to lighten the mood when appropriate!

In conclusion, General Assembly 226 was a success and I am happy to bring back good-news of the good work accomplished at Salt-Lake City! It was an honor to be given the opportunity to participate and work alongside my fellow siblings in Christ from the Beaver-Butler Presbytery as well as the other commissioners and YAADS I met at Salt-Lake City!

IN RESPONSE TO ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

The Assembly **approved a statement denouncing antisemitism and Islamophobia** to be used as a study document distributed to all churches and mid councils, encouraging a time of study and reflection.

The Assembly voted to **reject Christian Zionism in all forms** and to expand its 2004 policy on the understanding of Christian Zionism, issuing a study document.

In response to the ongoing climate crisis, the Assembly voted to direct the Presbyterian Mission Agency's Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to immediately identify and **divest from the top 10 fossil fuel companies** that derive most of their profits from the exploration, development, and production of fossil fuel. They directed MRTI to continue engagement with companies on the "Climate Action 100+" list and report back updates to the 227th Assembly.

In a rare moment of widespread consensus, the Assembly overwhelmingly passed a **call to action on gun violence**. Congregations are urged to take intentional action to protect children from gun violence.

Regarding **prison reform**, the Assembly called Presbyterians to contact elected officials at all levels, advocating for ending the use of prolonged solitary confinement in our penal system and the use of prisoners for unpaid labor.

The Assembly approved the addition of **"Transgender Day of Visibility"** on March 31 to the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

For more information on any of these items or other actions of the GA, please go to ga-pcusa.org or pres-outlook.org



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 226TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PREPARED BY PRESBYTERY OF
PHILADELPHIA LEADERSHIP

Nestled in the beautiful Wasatch Mountains, Salt Lake City and the Presbytery of Utah hosted the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for hundreds of commissioners, advisory delegates, mid-council leaders, and guests from around the country and the world. Here are highlights of decisions made by the Assembly.

ELECTION OF CO-MODERATORS & STATED CLERK

Commissioners elected Rev. Cecelia (CeCe) D. Armstrong and Rev. Anthony (Tony) L. Larson, both from South Carolina, to serve as Co Moderators of the 226th General Assembly.

On July 1st history was made as Rev. Jihyun Oh was elected to serve as the Stated Clerk of the denomination, making her the first woman and first woman of color elected to this high ranking position. She was installed as Stated Clerk at the Assembly immediately after being elected and will begin her service as Stated Clerk on August 1st.

ITEMS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE MAJORITY OF PRESBYTERIES

Expanding the church's commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Assembly recommended two changes to the Book of Order, to be voted on separately. **Amending F-1.0403 "Unity in Diversity"** to add "gender identity" and "sexual orientation" to the list of protected classes guaranteed full inclusion and participation in the church. **Amending G-2.0104b** with, "the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403" added to the list of topics candidates for ordained office would be asked to consider when determining fitness of call.

Other changes for consideration include addressing paid administrative leave, expanding the definition of "congregation" to incorporate "worshiping communities", adding "adults with vulnerabilities" to protection policies, updates on how to respond to minor or vulnerable-adult abuse, adding tweaks to temporary pastoral relationships timelines, as well as a prohibition on the use of Non-Disclosure Agreements.

UPDATES TO THE WORK OF THE WIDER PC(USA)

They approved a comprehensive review of the "**Preparation for Ministry**" process looking at subjects such as the efficacy of ordination exams, who oversees them, as well as the various steps in the ordination process. This task force is expected to bring forth any recommendations to the next Assembly.

The Assembly supported the committee's recommendation to **disapprove the recognition of the National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches**, citing the absence of women in leadership and concerns about the treatment of female clergy as its main reasons. With 330 churches and 40,000 members, Korean congregations are the second largest contingent of color, following our African American churches.

With the shift to the hybrid modality for this Assembly and at the next Assembly, an **overhaul of the Assembly's Standing Rules** was approved. This includes moving the moderator(s) election to the end of the Assembly rather than the beginning, with the newly elected moderator(s), moderating the Assembly at the conclusion of their two-year term. They also revised the number of commissioners and the composition of the advisory delegates. Also, we celebrated that the 227th GA is to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!

The Assembly called for a group of **mid-council leaders to work with the Board of Pension to explore adjustments to be made to medical dues** plans for pastors and spouse or families.

A resolution was passed to support the **ongoing inclusion of Latino a - é ministry within the church**. This includes ways to reimagine and expand such ministries, including a discernment gathering in 2026 to find new avenues to support Latino-a-é leaders and congregations along with funds to support the implementation of these ideas.

Reflecting upon the recommendations from Special Offerings Task Force, the Assembly approved a recommendation taking the **PC(USA) Special Offerings from four down to three**. In withdrawing the Pentecost offering, they have shifted its supported ministries into a reconfigured Christmas Joy Offering while also updating the "World Communion Offering" receipts to go back to the denomination in support of congregational ministry grants.

Responding to calls for funds to be diverted from the **Self Development of People (SDOP)** towards programs aiding African American congregations, the Assembly chose instead to refer this action to the "New Unified Ministry Agency" trusting in the new agency to discern and explore how best to meet SDOP's vision as well as the needs of our African American congregations.

Five of our Presbyterian seminaries confirmed new presidents, a harbinger of a new season for theological education in the PC(USA).

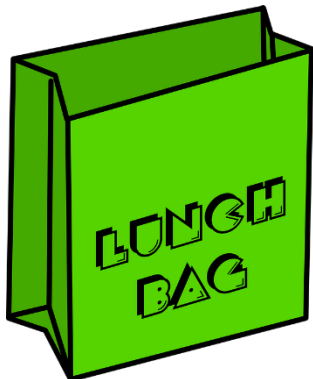
CALLING ALL Pastors (MWS & CRE)



You are invited to a

Pastor's Fellowship Lunch

Wednesday August 21st 12:00pm
Old Union Church Pavilion
Union Church Rd.
Adams Township, PA 16046



Food and Drinks Provided
Catering by Dave's Meats!

RSVP to the Presbytery Office by August 14th and include dietary restrictions or if you will bring your own lunch



BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY

Northeast Wee-Kirk Conference October 14-16, 2024

CONFERENCE FEE REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM

CHURCH INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP: PHONE:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING - INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING – INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

PERSON(s) ATTENDING – INFORMATION

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PERSON(s) ATTENDING – INFORMATION

ATTENDEE NAME: EMAIL:

COST INFORMATION

TOTAL # OF CHURCH ATTENDEES:

X \$75/ATTENDEE

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT REQUESTED:

Session approval: _____
 Clerk of Session Signature

The ECF committee has allocated \$1000 towards Wee Kirk reimbursement. ECF will authorize reimbursement of \$75 per individual and upon its discretion in order to maximize the number of congregations participating. Checks will be distributed from BBP to the churches. Individuals and churches are responsible for registration and reimbursement of their participants. Please visit wee-kirk-ne.org for registration and conference information.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT**

PURPOSE

Trusting in Jesus' proclamation that "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20), the Strengthening Congregational Connections Grant is available to assist congregations partnering together to use their energy, intelligence, imagination, and love in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission. A grant of up to \$500 per each participating PC(USA) congregation of the Presbytery may be available upon application. Applications for projects involving more than three congregations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

PROCESS

- With at least one other congregation in the Presbytery, come up with a creative and compelling idea for a new ministry, mission, or fellowship event.
- Complete the attached application form and submit it to the Presbytery Office.
- Upon receipt, the Collaboration, Fellowship and Youth (CFY) ministry unit will consider the application at its next stated meeting and will respond shortly thereafter.

REQUIREMENTS

- The proposed initiative must facilitate at least two congregations of the Presbytery working to build the reign of God among Beaver-Butler Presbytery. Initiatives may be ecumenical and/or interfaith, but there must be at least two congregations of the Presbytery involved in leadership and implementation. Only one participating church needs to submit the application, and a representative from this church will be responsible for handling financial matters.
- The Sessions of all churches involved must approve the event and proposed funding.
- Each individual church may only receive one grant per calendar year. Applications will be accepted through November 30, 2023. CFY will evaluate the grant process at the end of 2023 for future consideration.
- Upon approval, the initiative may be shared so others can also participate.
- The event must happen within twelve months of receiving the funds.
- Following the event, photos/videos and feedback should be shared with CFY.

INFORMATION TO CONSIDER

- If you have an idea for an event but aren't sure who might make a good partner, share your idea with local churches to see if another congregation may be interested. The Presbytery Office and CFY can also help you make connections.
- The purpose of this grant is to fund **new** ministries, missions, or fellowship events. This does not mean something that's never been done before *anywhere*, but rather something new for this particular collective of congregations.
- If the proposal does not fall within the requirements and intent of this grant, CFY will be in conversation with you regarding possible revisions.

Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the Presbytery Office.

**BEAVER-BUTLER PRESBYTERY
STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION**

Purpose: to assist congregations partnering together in a **new** shared project of ministry and mission.

Congregations Involved: _____

Contact Person (Who will answer questions about this application?):

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Text? Yes No**

Email Address: _____

Description of the *new* ministry, mission, or fellowship initiative:

(include who will be involved, when and where it will take place, plans for advertising, and any other information that may be helpful for CFY in the approval process)

Amount Being Requested: \$ _____ **Is this the entire cost of the initiative? Yes No**

Proposed use of the grant money:

(include or attach an itemized budget and information about other possible revenue sources)

Session Endorsements (Each Session must approve the initiative and proposed budget):

Church Name Approval Date Clerk of Session

Church Name Approval Date Clerk of Session

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Completed applications may be submitted to: Beaver-Butler Presbytery - PO Box 279 - Zelienople, PA 16063-0279
OR office@beaverbutler.org